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(b) whether there is any proposal to have the preparation of the adults' lists as well as the census both at the same time to minimize expenditure?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) Instructions from the President, Constituent Assembly, are awaited."

Government bus service in the City of Madras.

* 62 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buses put on the road in the Madras City up to 1st February 1948, the cost and expenditure incurred for running them and the income; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on machinery and buildings for the workshop for motor repairs, the number of workmen, their salaries and other expenses up to 1st February 1948?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Prohibition) :—" The Government do not consider it desirable in the public interest to give financial figures for broken periods, with reference to the Government Transport Department. They are however prepared to place on the table of the House in due course a balance sheet of the Government Bus Service in the financial year based on the preliminary accounts up to the end of March 1948."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the transport services are to be the monopoly of Government or is there any idea of forming a company consisting of the Railway, the fleet-owners, the local bodies and the Government?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is the general policy, Sir, to have a company consisting of the Government, the Government of India who have taken over the Railways and the fleet-owners."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it proposed, Sir, to form such a company even for the City of Madras?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" When the nationalization is completed buses in the City will also come under that scheme."

Supply of iron and steel for the manufacturing of agricultural implements.

* 63 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Provincial Government to secure or provide adequate supplies of iron and steel required by factories engaged in manufacturing agricultural implements, machine tools, etc.?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Iron, steel and defectives from the Provincial quota are allotted to fabricators of agricultural implements according to the needs for